

# Media Advisory from the Oklahoma National Guard

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*For the media.....*

## **45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team Return**

More than 200 Oklahoma Army National Guardsmen are scheduled to return from a year long deployment to Iraq, Sunday, October, 12. The Soldiers are the first of more than 2,600 National Guardsmen who deployed last year in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Soldiers will arrive at Will Rogers Air National Guard Base located at 5624 Air Guard Drive and will be bussed to Southern Nazarene University's Sawyer Center where a brief welcome home ceremony will be held before the Soldiers are released to their families.

There will be no opportunity to interview Soldiers at Will Rogers Air National Guard Base prior to being bussed to the Sawyer Center; however there will be a brief opportunity to video and photograph Soldiers as they depart the airplane. Requests to cover the events at Will Rogers Air National Guard Base must be coordinated through the Oklahoma National Guard Office of Public Affairs.

The Oklahoma National Guard Office of Public Affairs will be operating the media center at the Sawyer Center. Please R.S.V.P. to Cheryl Thomas at (405) 228-5212 or [Cheryl.Thomas4@us.army.mil](mailto:Cheryl.Thomas4@us.army.mil) with the name(s) of the media representatives you plan to send.

R.S.V.P. must be received by 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 10.

Returning Units:

**Flight 1**

UNIT: Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 179<sup>th</sup> Infantry

UNIT STATION: Stillwater

COMMUNITIES SOLDIERS ARE FROM: Stillwater, Guthrie and Perry

ARRIVAL TIME AT WILL ROGERS: approximately 12:20 p.m.

TIME OF CEREMONY: approximately 1:00 p.m.

## **Flight 2**

UNIT: Company A, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 179<sup>th</sup> Infantry

UNIT STATION: Oklahoma City

COMMUNITIES SOLDIERS ARE FROM: Oklahoma City and Minco

ARRIVAL TIME AT WILL ROGERS: approximately 6:50 p.m.

TIME OF CEREMONY: approximately 7:30 p.m.